

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-11, 13-17, 21-22, 24-27 are now pending in the application. Since the amendments to the claims contained herein are made to correct merely typographical errors they are of equivalent scope as filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The following references have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed of even date herewith:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-006741
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-088937
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-324246
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-293540
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-262048

The remarks set forth below address distinctions between the claimed invention and the five cited references and do not constitute any admission that they constitute statutory prior art of any kind, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 22

The claimed invention in claim 1 has a feature of accumulating, as a travel history in a form of inter-node transition, a travel route obtained from a history of position information of the mobile body, at least one of nodes indicating a landmark, an area, or an intersection. This feature is not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

Claims 2, 4-6, 11 are dependent on claim 1.

Claim 13 includes the method of Claim 1, and claim 14, 16, 17 are dependent on claim 13.

Claim 22 recites the system corresponding to claim 1.

Claims 9 and 26

The claimed invention in claim 9 has features of accumulating, as a travel history in a form of inter-node transition, a travel route obtained from a history of position information of the mobile body and setting an intersection through which the mobile body has traveled in two or more directions among intersections in a travel route as a node. These features are not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

Claim 26 recites the apparatus corresponding to claim 9.

Claims 10 and 27

The claimed invention in claim 10 has a feature of accumulating, as a travel history in a form of segment of travel start and travel end, a travel route obtained from a history of position information of the mobile body. This feature is not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

Claim 27 recites the apparatus corresponding to claim 10.

Claim 15

The claimed invention in claim 15 has features of obtaining a prediction probability of the predicted travel destination based on a result of the retrieval and determining the name of the predicted destination when the prediction probability exceeds a

predetermined value, and otherwise determining the genre name thereof, as information to be presented. This feature is not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

Claim 21

The claimed invention in claim 21 has a feature of taking account of a cognitive load of a user who receives information presentation when determining information to be presented on the travel destination. This feature is not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

Claim 24

Claim 24 recites the program execute the method of claims 1, 9 or 10.

Claim 25

The claimed invention in claim 25 has features of obtaining a prediction probability of the predicted travel destination based on a result of the retrieval and setting level of detailedness about the information to be presented in accordance with the prediction probability. This feature is not taught or suggested in the above cited references 1-5.

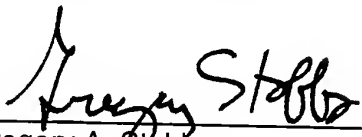
CONCLUSION

It is believed that any anticipated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal

communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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